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Title: NO-TWIST FABRICATED FILTRATION SCREEN

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, please reconsider the patentability of the pending claims based on the following remarks. Claims 25 and 29-38 are pending. Claims 30, 35 and 38 have been withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Claims 25, 29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haver et al. (U.S. 4,691,744; hereafter "Haver"), claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haver and Caals (U.S. 1,788,657) and claims 33, 34, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haver and Pall et al. (U.S. 3,327,866; hereafter "Pall"). Applicant traverses the rejections because the cited prior art, analyzed individually or in combination, fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims.

For example, the cited prior art, analyzed individually or in combination, fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed filter screen that includes both "one or more first reinforcing filaments woven with the second plurality of filaments in the second direction to reinforce the second plurality of filaments in the first direction; and one or more second reinforcing filaments woven with the first plurality of filaments in the first direction to reinforce the first plurality of filaments in the second direction," as recited in independent claim 25.